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SUBJECT: NEW YORK STATE HEARING ON COFFEE PRICES

EYES ONLY FOR COOPER FROM FRANK

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY HAS REQUESTED JOAN BRADEN AND JULES KATZ, AMONG OTHERS, TO TESTIFY IN A HEARING ON FEBRUARY 2 CONCERNING THE RECENT COFFEE PRICE INCREASES. THE COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE IMPACT ON THE CONSUMER AND THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS "ON THE CAUSES FOR THE INCREASES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE JUSTIFIED, WHAT ACTIONS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TAKING TO STABILIZE PRICES AND WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR COFFEE USERS."

2. JULES BELIEVES ONLY ONE PERSON FROM STATE SHOULD TESTIFY AND THAT HE IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE. JOAN THINKS
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SHE AND KATZ SHOULD TESTIFY, NOTING THAT THE COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN THE CONSUMER IMPACT OF THE COFFEE SITUATION AND THAT SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TESTIFY IF ASKED. SHE ALSO NOTED SHE WAS INITIALLY THE ONLY STATE DEPARTMENT PERSON ASKED TO TESTIFY AND THAT SHE HAD SUGGESTED THAT KATZ ALSO BE INVITED. JOAN SAID THAT KATZ AND SHE AGREE

ON THE CAUSES OF THE PRICE HIKE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CONSUMER. THEREFORE, DIFFERENCES IN THEIR TESTIMONY, IF ANY, ARE LIKELY TO BE MINIMAL.

3. BOTH HAVE A CLAIM TO TESTIFY. JOAN HAS A CLAIM SINCE THE APPROACH WAS MADE TO HER, THE COMMITTEE WANTED HER FIRST, AND SHE IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON WITH CONSUMER GROUPS. JULES HAS A CLAIM TO TESTIFY AS THE CHIEF OPERATIONAL PERSON IN THE DEPARTMENT DEALING WITH COFFEE. WHOEVER TESTIFIES, THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED SHOULD BE AGREEABLE TO BOTH. THERE IS A PRECEDENT IN HAVING TWO PEOPLE TESTIFY. JOAN AND JOE GREENWALD BOTH TESTIFIED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES.

4. THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED ASAP, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WILL CONFRONT YOU AGAIN IN MID-FEBRUARY WHEN THERE WILL BE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON COFFEE. JOAN HAS ALREADY BEEN INVITED TO TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER AND MONETARY AFFAIRS. JOAN HAS PLANNED TO RETURN FROM HER PUERTO RICAN TRIP TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1. HOWEVER, IF SHE IS TO TESTIFY SHE WILL RETURN EARLIER TO PREPARE HER TESTIMONY. YOU MIGHT CALL HER IN PUERTO RICO AT 809-852-3450, ROOM 19. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO CALL JULES.

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